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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An apparatus and method of inducing black soldier flies to  
emerge, mate and lay eggs is provided. The method involves  
exposing at least one male black soldier fly and at least one  
female black soldier fly to artificial light in an enclosed  
space. The artificial light includes at least one wavelength in  
a visible spectrum and at least one wavelength in an ultra-  
violet spectrum.

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